

REVISED AGENDA

EDUCATION TASK FORCE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 26, 2013 • 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Room 445 State Capitol

9:00 a.m. 1. Task Force Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the May 22, 2013, meeting

9:10 a.m. 2. Alignment of Public and Higher Education with Economic Development Goals and Workforce Needs

One of the task force's duties is to make recommendations on the alignment of both public education and higher education with the state's economic development goals and workforce needs. The Department of Workforce Services and the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce will describe methods of forecasting the number and types of occupations and the educational demand corresponding to those occupations.

- Mr. John Krantz, Research Economist, Department of Workforce Services
- Dr. Jeff Strohl, Director of Research, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce
- Public comment
- Task force discussion/action

11:15 a.m. 3. State Education Effort and Student Achievement in Utah and Peer States

Mr. Kroes will review the findings of research conducted by the Utah Foundation regarding trends in Utah's public education funding effort and a comparison of student achievement in Utah and states that share similar demographic characteristics.

- Mr. Stephen H. Kroes, President, Utah Foundation
- Task force discussion/action

11:45 a.m. 4. Student Achievement as Measured by Internationally Administered Tests

The performance of U.S. students and those of other nations on internationally administered tests will be reviewed. The potential performance of Utah students on internationally administered tests may be inferred based on Utah's performance relative to the national average on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

- Ms. Connie Steffen, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

12:00 p.m. Break for Lunch – The task force will break for one hour for lunch.

1:00 p.m. 5. Perspectives on Student Achievement

Task force chairs have invited education stakeholders to share with the task force their perspectives on the key elements contributing to high student achievement and how to design an education system that promotes or enhances those elements.

- Dr. Richard West, Executive Director, Center for the School of the Future, Utah State University
- Dr. Martel Menlove, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Mr. Dave Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education
- Mr. Rob Brems, President, Utah College of Applied Technology
- Lieutenant Governor Gregory Bell and Dr. Christine Kearn, Governor's Education Advisor, Governor's Education Excellence Commission
- Ms. Peggy Jo Kennett, President, Utah School Boards Association
- Dr. McKell Withers, Superintendent, Salt Lake City School District; Utah School Superintendents Association
- Mr. Chris Bleak, President, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, and Ms. Kim Frank, Executive Director, Utah Charter Network
- Mr. Kory Holdaway, Associate Director, Utah Education Association
- Ms. Judi Clark, Executive Director, Parents for Choice in Education
- Ms. Liz Zentner, President, Utah Parent Teacher Association
- Mr. John Milliken, Board of Directors, United Way of Salt Lake
- Business and employer representatives
- Public comment
- Task force discussion/action

4:00 p.m.

6. Other Items/Adjourn